

REMARKS

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated March 23, 2004. Claims 1-8 were pending in the application. In the Office Action, claims 1-8 were rejected. In this Amendment, claims 1-8 have been amended. Claims 1-8 thus remain for consideration

Applicant submits that the application is now in condition for allowance and requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections in light of the following remarks.

§103 Rejections

Claims 1-4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Glenn (U.S. Patent No. 5,978,023) in view of Nishimura Ryushi et al. (JP 10-145650).

Claims 5-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Glenn and Ryushi as applied to claim 1 and in further view of Hieda (U.S. Patent No. 6,377,301).

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are patentable over Glenn, Ryushi and Hieda.

Applicant's invention is directed toward an apparatus and method in which an image sensor outputs an image-sensing signal. Each of the claims recites that "a state is provided for storing still pictures according to [a] progressive scan mode." Each of the claims further recites that "when said storing of a still picture according to said

progressive scan mode is performed, the image information corresponding to said still picture is stored in a record medium such that upon playback of said still image information from said record medium said still picture will be displayed for a predetermined period of time.” Supporting disclosure for Applicant’s still picture implementation can be found in the specification at, for example, page 14, line 15 – page 15, line 6.

Neither Glenn, Ryushi nor Hieda discloses Applicant’s still picture implementation. Accordingly, Applicant believes that claims 1-8 are patentable over Glenn, Ryushi and Hieda – taken either alone or in combination – on at least this basis.

Applicant respectfully submits that all of the claims now pending in the application are in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

It is submitted that these claims, as originally presented, are patentably distinct over the prior art cited by the Examiner, and that these claims were in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112. Changes to these claims, as presented herein, are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§101, 102, 103 or 112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicant is entitled.

Statements appearing above with respect to the disclosures in the cited references represent the present opinions of the Applicant’s undersigned attorney and, in the event that the Examiner disagrees with any such opinions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner specifically indicate those portions of the respective reference providing the basis for a contrary view.


If any issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions,
he/she is invited to call the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

The Examiner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit
any overpayment associated with the above-identified application to Deposit Account
No. 50-0320.

The Examiner's consideration of this matter is gratefully acknowledged.

Respectfully submitted,

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